

The Devi's Darning Needle

At Uncle Sam's Secret Military Aviation Camp There Is Employed an Aeronaut-Genius Whose Daring Exploits Have Won for Him the Nickname "The Devil's Darning Needle." The First of These Thrilling Adventures Is Here Described Under the Title "The Darning Needle Stings."

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It was a complete set of scale drawings of the X-type aeroblast which he was then flying, together with the bomb-sighting and dropping apparatus and the tables of trajectories by which the directing of missiles was made mechanically exact.

There was treason, then, among the officers of the station. No enlisted man could have had access to the various data and papers included. It meant an inquiry of the severest kind and doubled the difficulty of the task that awaited him in clearing Andy of the suspicions of the ruthless disciplinarian whom the government held responsible for the secrecy of this work. He must get his mechanic back to the hotel somehow, past the secret service men whom he knew to be on guard there.

A little more than ten minutes later he was once more over the white line that marked the lapping waters on the eastern shore of the bay. He flashed his searchlight down, and instantly switched it off again. At once he was answered by a gleam to the south, and he landed on the surface, working up gradually to the little light that Andy played upon the water for his guidance.

They sat in silence in the darkness for a moment. Then the mechanic asked tersely, "Well?"

"I killed them both," said Sayville without emotion.

"Great! That pays up for a lot. Gee, I wish I'd been here. Did you get the package?"

"Yes. But I don't know what to do with you now, Andy. If you are caught,

Capt. Craigmore will never believe your story. And your known association with me would place me under suspicion that I would find it hard to outlive. I'm not very popular at the station, anyhow. You see, I didn't go through West Point or Annapolis; therefore, I'm simply tolerated because my work and knowledge are valuable. But I have no real influence. And one or two of the officers would be glad to see me into trouble."

"Gee, boss," he said, "I've got you into an awful bad mess. I ought to've known better."

"I know, Andy," said Sayville gently. "But we'll get through all right if I can only get you back."

Andy answered with some effort. "Tell you what you do, boss," he said. "You just take me back to the station and have me put in jail without telling them you know me. I won't squeal," not if they give me 10 years; honest, I won't. That'll be the best way out of it. What do you say?"

But Sayville did not answer. His ears were straining to catch a faint throbbing in the air—a hint of a deep, buzzing thunder that, once familiar to a man, can never be mistaken for any other sound. It was a distant gasoline motor, running under full power with exhausts open and throttle wide. Nearer and nearer it came, its pulsing roar reverberating through the silence of the bay. Sayville recognized it as the station's swift hydroplane, and knew that Capt. Craigmore was hurrying down to take personal charge of the

situation. The wireless had found him. "Wait here," Sayville said hurriedly. "That's Capt. Craigmore coming down the bay. I must go out and meet him and find how much he knows. If I throw on my searchlight when I rise again, you will know it is safe to run back to the hotel. If you see only my hand flash lamp, you must stay where you are in the darkness."

He altered the glow of the boat and, showing his clutch forward, rose and circled high before heading over to where he could see the glow of the hydroplane's exhausts. Half a mile ahead of her, he landed and threw his searchlight on the water as a signal to her to stop.

"Who is it?" demanded the sharp voice of Capt. Craigmore.

"Sayville."

"Well, what is it? They have given me no outline of the case by wireless. What have you done?"

Sayville gave a brief report of the case of the hydroplane and its destruction by bomb. He remembered that in his wireless reports, he had mentioned only one boat as concerned in the incident.

"I had to kill both men, sir," he explained. "But there is no possible way by which any one can ever know who did it. The men from the steamer will simply find the blackened corpses and will probably think the gasoline tank caught fire and that the pistol shots were calls for help."

"Good. Get the station on your wireless and find out if Joline has anything to report."

Warner answered the call almost immediately. They exchanged messages and then Sayville turned again to Craigmore.

"Lieut. Arthur was shot trying to escape," he said.

"All right," Craigmore snapped. "Arthur's end will be a good example. I should have preferred standing him against a wall for the rest of you to see. But no matter. What else is to be done?"

Sayville's thoughts flashed across the water to where Andy crouched in the electric launch along the eastern shore. He knew the terrible penalty he himself would have to pay if this disciplinarian ever discovered that he had permitted the mechanic to escape. He knew that a strict interpretation of his duty required him to make full report of Andy's part in the treason. But he was not yet sufficiently infused with militarism to repress all natural human feelings, and he had no intention of becoming so.

"There is nothing to be done," he said at length slowly. "I have recovered the plans and the three men who engineered the plot are dead. We can return to the station."

"Very well," said Craigmore. "Tell Edgewater Beach to relieve the secret service men who are on guard at the wharf."

Sayville flashed the message to the hotel, reported its acknowledgement and the big engine of the hydroplane thundered out once more as the mechanic started it. The snub-nosed boat gathered way, lifted her bow clear of the water as her speed increased and swung off in a smooth, foam, leaving him alone upon the surface.

He pressed his self-starter and lifted in a hundred feet. Circling high until he was sure he could be plainly seen from the eastern shore, he faced it in the darkness, held on his searchlight a moment and then switched it off again.

Almost instantly he saw the twinkle of the electric flash in answer. A moment later he saw the tiny thread of white water that marked the path of the launch as it headed north, creeping among the shoals toward the safety of the now unguarded landing at Edgewater Beach.

"The Darning Needle can sting," he muttered, "but I'm damned if he'll sting as loyal a friend as little Andy Beale."

THE END.

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